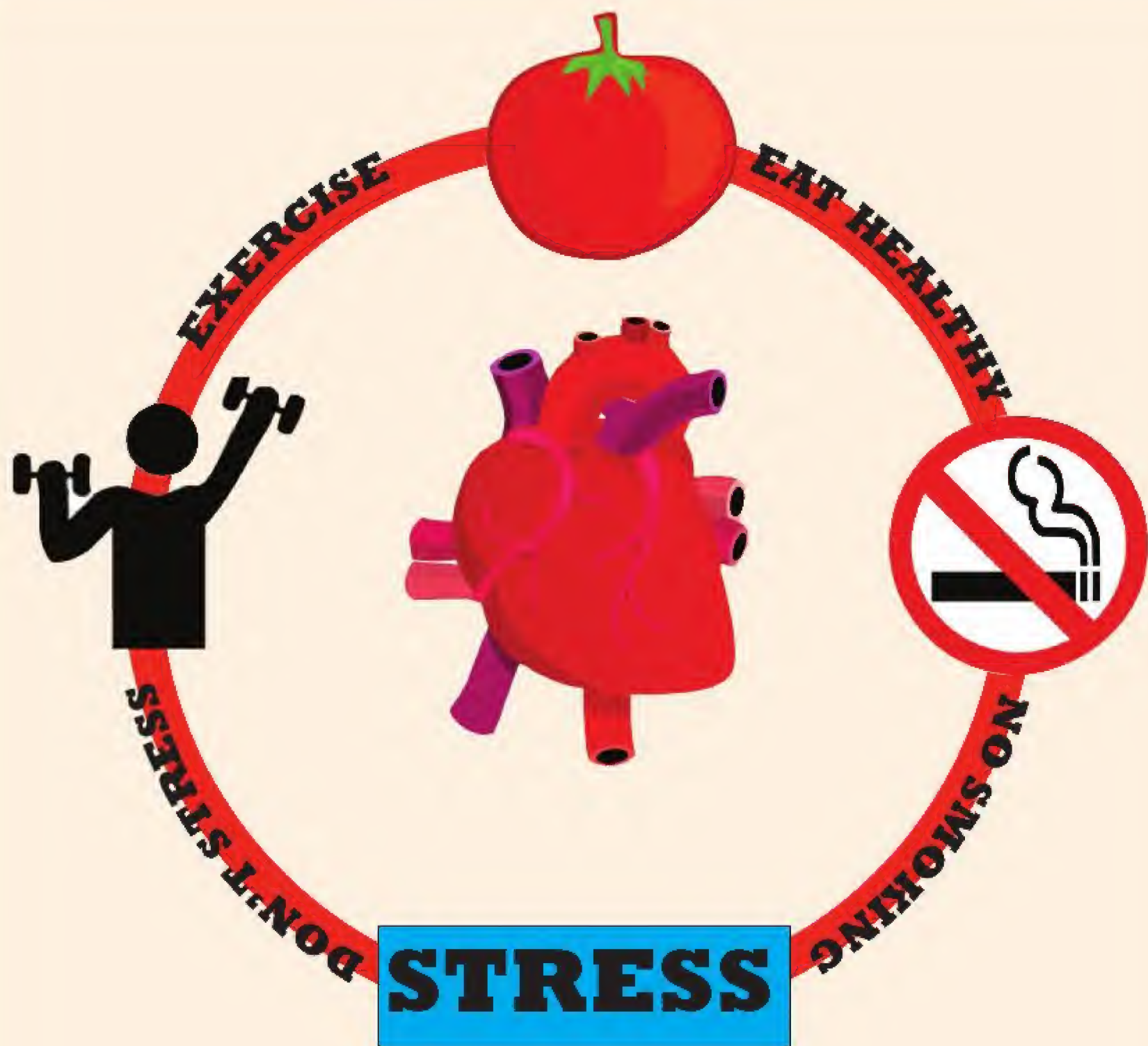




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American Heart Month: Live healthy

Ashley Marshall
Executive Editor

Not only is February Black History Month, it is also American Heart Month and it is time to start taking steps to keep your ticker ticking.

The American Heart Association has placed tips on its website, heart.org, to help people maintain a healthy heart. The website includes nutrition tips, physical activity ideas and weight management options. Bringing awareness to the different things

that affect the heart every day gives everyone a chance to save and maintain their healthy hearts. See page 5 to read a UTM student’s story about her unexpected battle with heart and respiratory failure.

Viewpoints

EDITORIAL

Valentine's Day costs spiral

Every year, men spend on average about \$218 on their significant other on Valentine's Day.

A day that was engineered by the Romans for lovers to give one another chalky candy hearts with corny sayings written across them. A day that is perceived to be for couples to show each other how much they truly love one another.

Feb. 14, better known as Valentine's Day, causes Americans to spend an average \$3.4 billion to cook Valentine's dinner at home, says one article from CNBC.com.

An estimated \$121.31 billion has been spent for things such as dinners, chocolates, flowers, carriage rides, puppies and other kinds of gifts that people feel enticed to buy because of being "struck by Cupid."

We see plenty of ads every year that tell you about Valentine's Day deals, dinner for two, or roses that are on sale and other propaganda. Many people feel as if Valentine's Day is a mandatory holiday for couples to have to spend outlandish amounts of money upon one another. In 2011, Americans spent \$1.7 billion on flowers



Look, you buy her more stuff or I make her love someone else!

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and a whopping \$116.21 billion on Valentine's Day dinners, says an article on livescience.com.

About 4 million people will be proposed to or do the proposing. The average New Yorker will

spend \$147 on dinner, and that's \$100 more than what the average Valentine's Day would cost anyone else, said one survey from zagat.com. Eleven percent of people in that same

zagat survey said they would be splitting the check. Sixty percent of Valentine's Day gifts are purchased within at least five days before the actual holiday. The average person will spend \$60-\$80 on roses from a flower shop. The average cost of what Valentine's Day dinner will actually cost Americans is \$25-\$50, according to an article on TIME.com.

Some people don't get into celebrating Valentine's Day as passionately as others. Maybe they've been wronged and now have old jewelry, watches, shoes, clothes, wedding dresses, engagement rings and many other items that may make them feel tied to their ex. In that case, there's a way for them to have revenge, vent and profit from their past relationship.

Neverlikeditanyway.com is an online marketplace "where once-loved gifts from once-loved partners get a second chance." The webpage suggested it as being a "break-up bootcamp".

No matter what you choose to do this Saturday as Valentine's Day rolls around, we at *The Pacer* say have a happy and safe Valentine's Day weekend.

COLUMN

Social campaign fights stereotypes

Lyndsey Hayslett

Managing Editor

Stereotypes are something that we all are, unfortunately, pretty familiar with. Whether we have had to deal with them personally or we have used them to unfairly label others, they have been a part of all of our lives.

Merriam-Webster defines stereotypes as unfair or untrue beliefs that many people have about all people or things with a particular characteristic(s).

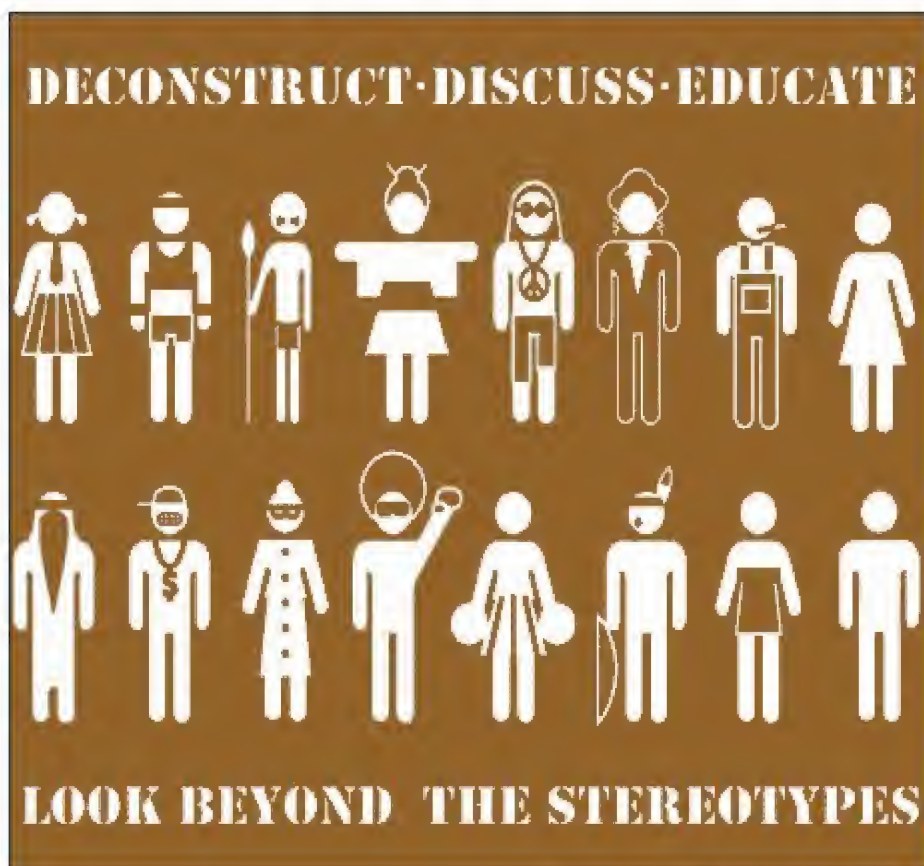
In the spring of last year, six students from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, New York set out on a mission to end stereotypes and unfair generalizations once and for all. They aim to do this through the power of social media.

The movement apparently began on Instagram. Individuals post photos of themselves with statements proving just how wrong stereotypes can be along with #IAmNotYourStereotype.

The stereotypes range from racial generalizations to those about gender and sexual orientation.

The students that founded the movement believed that simply using only photos would send a more accurate message than adding words and creating an elaborate campaign. It is their hope that would be able to completely eradicate the use of stereotypes.

While all of the images in the campaign send a strong message, some of the more impactful ones say things like, "Just because I'm black doesn't mean you have to cross the street while I am walking towards you #IAmNotYourStereotype". "Just because



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I'm tall doesn't mean I play basketball or that I should #IAmNotYourStereotype" and "Just because I am white doesn't mean my life is easier. #IAmNotYourStereotype." These are just a few of many of the messages on both the Instagram and Facebook pages.

I would encourage anyone reading this

to like the "I Am Not Your Stereotype" page on Facebook and follow the @iamnotyourstereotype page on Instagram.

Send *The Pacer* your feedback on Facebook and Twitter. We would love to start the I Am Not Your Stereotype Movement at UTM.

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News

Measles outbreak sparks vaccination debate

Chance Farmer

News Co-Editor

According to *USA Today*, there have been over 100 confirmed cases of measles in 15 different states, 92 percent of which are related to the outbreak that occurred at Disneyland in California.

The states in which measles cases have been reported include California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and the District of Columbia.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can linger in the air and on surfaces for up to two hours after the infected person leaves the room. A single person infected with the measles virus can infect 12 to 18 people in the time they have the virus, where as the



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average influenza patient can infect one to four people.

Symptoms of measles includes fever, red and sore eyes, a runny nose, cough and a rash.

Measles can also lead to more deadly health conditions

such as pneumonia and encephalitis.

According to L.A. Times, Disneyland employees who came into contact with measles-stricken coworkers or visitors have been asked to stay home unless they can show proof of

vaccination or take a blood test to show immunity to the virus.

The outbreak has also sparked a national vaccination debate. Several on both sides of the political spectrum, such as former First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, New

Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky have weighed in on the discussion of whether childhood vaccination should be mandatory.

According to *The Washington Post*, Clinton recently tweeted, "The science is clear: The earth is round, the sky is blue, and #vaccineswork."

Paul joined the debate by making an unfounded claim that there are "many tragic cases of walking, talking, normal children who wound up with profound mental disorders after vaccines." He later tweeted, "I did not say that vaccines caused disorders, just that they were temporarily related - I did not allege causation."

CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta says vaccines prevent 6 million deaths worldwide each year. Measles vaccination in this country has reduced the rate of infection by 99 percent when compared to times when no vaccine was available.



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Summit addresses issue of sexual assault

Emily Barber

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, a final verdict was reached for the two main defendants in the Vanderbilt rape trial.

Brandon Vandenberg and Cory Batey were "found guilty of the rape of an unconscious woman in a dorm room on the night of June 23, 2013," according to *The Tennessean*.

The events of this case were terrible: a group of football players went to a bar and got drunk. The victim, who later passed out from intoxication, accompanied them. At around 2:30 a.m., Vandenberg and some of his fellow teammates, including Batey, went back to Vandenberg's dorm room. Surveillance cameras captured the men carrying the intoxicated woman in the hallway and stopping to take pictures of her exposed body. According to police, "multiple sexual assaults occurred over the course of 30 minutes." The men took videos of and exchanged text messages about the ordeal. The surveillance video later prompted an

investigation of the ordeal and, 19 months after it happened, the two main perpetrators were convicted of raping the young woman.

This incident opens up the questions: why did this happen, and what measures are being taken across college campuses to prevent things like this from happening?

The former is a hard question to answer. Some say that college campuses harbor "rape cultures" where sexual promiscuity and binge drinking are the norm and sexual assault and rape are inevitable. As for the measures that are being taken to prevent rape on college campuses, it varies from school to school.

Recently, Tennessee State University hosted a Sexual Assault Summit, which, according to the Associated Press, drew 400 officials from 76 schools across the state. AP also reported that an official from the University of Tennessee system said the Vanderbilt verdict helped attendees realize just how serious this work is and that preliminary feedback has people already asking for more education on the issues.

According to Ray Coleman, UTM police captain, representatives from various branches of UTM attended the summit, including representatives from Housing, Student Conduct, Greek Life and Campus Recreation. Coleman, who also attended, said the "emphasis of the training was to reveal new research in the study of sexual misconduct victims' reaction to the trauma involved and new methods to interview, investigate and provide support services to them."

The summit also emphasized an understanding of what true consent means, the role alcohol plays and how bystanders can intervene to prevent potential assaults, according to Coleman.

Six cases of sexual assault, two per year, were reported at UTM campus on 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Groups around UTM are working to spread awareness of the issue through presentations made to various groups, training videos and informative printed materials made available across campus.

President's budget proposal mentions Nashville courthouse

Justin Glover

News Co-Editor

President Barack Obama's proposed federal budget for the 2016 fiscal year includes a provision for a new courthouse in Nashville, according to *The Tennessean* newspaper.

The courthouse would replace the Estes Kefauver Federal Building, which is currently in use despite not meeting minimum security requirements.

The building's small size caused it to be declared unfit for service in 1992.

Following the construction of the new courthouse, the building would likely be used by other federal divisions with headquarters in Nashville.

Nashville is the only city confirmed to be receiving a new courthouse under the terms of the proposal.

The federal judiciary described Nashville as the highest priority among U.S. cities which require the construction of a new courthouse project.

Obama's proposal includes \$181.5 million for the project, \$168.6 million of which will be used for the building's actual construction.

"We're certainly hoping

this part of the budget passes Congress so we can get the courthouse we desperately need in Nashville and have been trying to get for decades," said Aleta Trauger, a federal judge in the Nashville area.

Republicans Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker, respectively the senior and junior U.S. senators representing Tennessee, had requested that Obama include funding for the project in his budget proposal, according to *The Jackson Sun*.

Alexander expressed his appreciation for the president's inclusion of the project in his proposal.

"Nashville has been waiting a long time to build a new courthouse that meets its space and security needs, and I will work to make sure it is finally funded this year," Alexander said.

Obama's proposal must be approved by Congress before the required funds may be allocated.

The Tennessean reported that the courthouse would be located on a 3.4-acre plot in downtown Nashville. The U.S. Congress had previously acquired this property for over \$25 million between 2002 and 2005.

News

UC director promoted to assistant vice chancellor

Chance Farmer
News Co-Editor

John Abel, former Director of the University Center, has been appointed Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

The position became available in March 2014, upon the retirement of David Belote and the search for a new Assistant Vice Chancellor began in the fall. "I was very interested in the position and decided to apply. After two rounds of interviews with the selection committee, I was offered the position," said Abel.

As Assistant Vice Chancellor, Abel will focus on budget and policy issues that will affect the Division of Student Affairs, work with each department on budget issues and priorities and work with colleagues at other UT campuses on policy issues as they arise. Abel will also still have an active role in Student Life at UT Martin and continue to advise SGA.

When asked about his goals as the new Assistant Vice Chancellor, Abel said, "The overriding goal will always

be to improve the support and services we provide students from the Division of Student Affairs. As the Assistant Vice Chancellor, I will be able to work with all the departments of Student Affairs to achieve this goal. Effective and efficient budgeting will also be a priority. A major goal will be building a sustainable budget model for the division."

Abel also said that he would miss many things about his previous position as Interim Director of the UC.

"I will miss a lot of things but mostly I will miss the daily and constant interaction with students that you get from working in the University Center. I have been in the University Center for over 15 years, and we are the hub of the campus with a constant flow of students. I will miss that level of student interaction the most as I transition to working over in the Administration Building."

Though he may not get the level of interaction with students as he once did, John Abel will continue to serve UT Martin and its students to the best of his abilities.

InsureTN defeated by state Senate committee

Justin Glover
News Co-Editor

The Insure Tennessee initiative sponsored by Governor Bill Haslam was defeated in the Tennessee State Senate Health Committee by a vote of 7-4 on Wednesday.

The initiative would have allowed families with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level to gain access to affordable healthcare.

Lawmakers in the Tennessee General Assembly had previously questioned the initiative's motives, citing its similarities to the controversial national legislation known as the Affordable Care Act. Gov. Haslam had previously denied any link between the ACA and InsureTN.

Gov. Haslam said Wednesday that he believed the comparison to the ACA was a key part of why InsureTN was defeated quickly.

"I think [it was caused by] this whole sense of distrust of the federal government," said Gov. Haslam. "Well, I could've told you that...our legislature felt that way. It was so much bigger than I thought."

Gov. Haslam also mentioned that he would

have liked to have more time to explain the measure. Several members of the General Assembly had complained prior to the Health Committee's vote that not enough was known about the program to offer an informed decision.

The general voting public generally favored the bill, according to surveys conducted prior to the committee vote.

Gov. Haslam had addressed the General Assembly on Monday evening urging them to support the measure as a bipartisan effort to increase the quality of state healthcare. The plan would have served as an extension of the ongoing Medicaid program.

Gov. Haslam addressed a group at a Tennessee Press Association event on Thursday, discussing his disappointment with the bill's failure.

"I'm embarrassed how many times I called the secretary [the federal health department] on her cellphone at night when she's putting her kids in bed and everything else," said Gov. Haslam. "It was a little embarrassing to do all that and come away with nothing."

U.S. won't return Guantanamo Bay military base to Cuban government

Justin Glover
News Co-Editor

The United States refused to return its naval base at Guantanamo Bay to the government of Cuba, according to BBC News.

Cuba requested the return of the base as part of a restoration of relations between the nations that has been underway since December. Cuban President Raul Castro said in a speech on January 28 that the decision to retain the base as well as the White House's hesitation to lift the embargo on the Caribbean country is a severe roadblock to the reconciliation efforts.

"The re-establishment of diplomatic relations is the start of a process

of normalizing bilateral relations," said President Castro. "But this will not be possible while the blockade still exists, while they don't give back the territory illegally occupied by the Guantanamo naval base."

The base has been under U.S. control since 1903, when the land was leased to the country by Cuba. It remained under the maintenance of the United States following the Cuban Revolution in 1959 and the subsequent severing of diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba two years later.

The base's lease contains a clause that makes said lease permanent unless it is terminated by mutual agreement. However, the Cuban government claims that the lease is a violation

of international law and must be voided.

Josh Earnest, a White House spokesman, addressed the media on January 29, declining the condition.

"[T]he naval base is not something that we believe should be closed," said Earnest.

The United States currently has planned to shut down the Guantanamo Bay prison despite its refusal to return its naval base. The prison has come under fire for its reputed use of torture on inmates. In addition, the prison "only serves as a recruiting tool for al-Qaeda and other extremist organizations," said Earnest.

There has been no indication regarding a timetable for the U.S. to lift its embargo on Cuba.



Dr. Robert Nanney, left, chair of the Department of Communications, and Kevin Slimp, fourth from left, Media Summit speaker, are pictured with Pacer staff members (left to right) Matthew Bodkins, Ashley Marshall, Lyndsey Hayslett, Jeremy Smith, Justin Glover, Matthew Cullen and Chance Farmer. | Photo Credit/ Kevin Schwartz

UTM Communications students attend first state Collegiate Media Summit

Chance Farmer
News Co-Editor

On Thursday, Feb. 5, several members of *The Pacer* editorial board, as well as Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of the Department of Communications and Tomi McCutchen Parrish, faculty adviser of *The Pacer*, attended the Tennessee Collegiate Media Summit in Nashville.

At the media summit, sponsored by the Tennessee Press Association, students representing several universities across the state attended seminars on collegiate media and the journalism industry. The seminars were conducted by Kevin Schwartz, President of Schwartz Media Solutions and Kevin Slimp, renowned columnist whose work has been featured in hundreds of newspapers including *The New York Times*. Throughout the

seminars, students were invited to participate in hands-on demonstrations and discussions about the journalism industry.

Students were also invited to a luncheon with the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Haslam. At the luncheon, the governor spoke about Tennessee's continuing efforts in education and healthcare.

"Tennessee was struggling for years at the bottom of the pack when it came to education results, and maybe what was the most critical issue was this -- We thought we were doing a lot better than we were," Governor Haslam said. "The analogy I use is that we put the basketball goals at 6-feet, and we were really excited because everybody on our team could dunk. Well, that's great, but the rest of the world is playing with 10-foot goals."

When asked about the recently enacted Tennessee

Promise and if there was anything to be done for students at 4-year universities, Governor Haslam said, "My ultimate [goal] is that we're increasing the pipeline of students who are going to school after high school, which ultimately should end up with more juniors and seniors. Now, there won't be as many freshmen and sophomores in the large introductory classes, but our goal is to have more students end up there [in 4-year universities] anyway. I'd say there is a challenge for our 4-year schools to make a distinction between their course offerings versus community colleges, and second, to take advantage of that flow."

After the luncheon, Governor Haslam stayed for a photo opportunity with the students that attended the media summit.

Features

UTM student shares her heartfelt story

Amber Sherman

Staff Writer

UTM student Lyndsey Hayslett of Union City nearly died after giving birth to her son in April 2012.

When Lyndsey and her husband, Savion, found out she was expecting, they were thrilled. She experienced a completely normal pregnancy and delivery.

In the hours and days following the birth, however, Lyndsey began to show symptoms of heart failure but was told by her doctors that these were common symptoms related to labor and delivery. Therefore the symptoms she experienced were mistaken as issues from the Caesarean section she had to deliver her son, Linden.

Lyndsey was treated for a couple of days for complications from the C-section and even indigestion. On the third day, one of Lyndsey's doctors noticed something wasn't quite right and ran several tests concerning her heart because they couldn't get her heart rate down.

Since all of the tests returned normal, Lyndsey and her husband were waiting to be released when she told her husband she couldn't breathe. The nurse was called, Lyndsey's oxygen levels were discovered to be drastically low and she was rushed to ICU. The situation became critical very quickly, as Lyndsey began to cough up foam and fluid, and she was placed on a ventilator.

Lyndsey's husband and family were told that they needed to airlift her out of Union City, where she had delivered her son and had been receiving treatment. While waiting on the helicopter, Lyndsey's family was called in, and her son was brought down to ICU.

"They weren't sure I would even make the helicopter ride," she said. "They were prepared for the worst."

Once the helicopter arrived, Lyndsey was taken to Memphis. On the helicopter ride, they had figured out it was definitely a heart problem. Lyndsey was sedated, and placed on a feeding tube.

Once her family arrived they were informed that further tests would need to be run before they could get a definite diagnosis. Initial tests showed that Lyndsey only had 12 percent heart function. Her family was told to expect one to three months in the hospital and a possible heart transplant. She had a team of doctors treating her and began quickly responding to treatment. She was only on a ventilator and under sedation for two days once she arrived in Memphis and left ICU five days after she arrived in Memphis.

"This is where you just have to have faith and know that God is real," Lyndsey said.

"I went home with nine



Top, UTM Communications major Lyndsey Hayslett is shown on a ventilator after being airlifted to Memphis with little heart function just a few days after the birth of her son, Linden, in 2012. Above left, Lyndsey and her husband, Savion, are pictured with newborn Linden before Lyndsey went into full heart and respiratory failure. Above right, Savion and Lyndsey pose with Linden, now age 2. | **Pacer Photos Courtesy Lyndsey Hayslett**

“
Heart disease
doesn't care about
your age, race, or
gender.

medications and a crazy low-sodium diet," she said.

Lyndsey says she credits God and her husband the most because Savion had extremely tough decisions to make and handled things very gracefully. Not only did they just have a

newborn but his wife nearly died, and not everyone could remain calm to make those decisions.

"Well, if I know anything at all, it's that God is real and prayer changes things. Also, my husband was just so amazing, and I don't for one second envy the position he was in. He was so supportive, and I couldn't have made it without his support."

Lyndsey has since come off six of her medications, and will probably continue to take the other three for the rest of her life. She has regained as much heart function as she can, and is now in the 50-60 percent range. She has to go to Memphis

every six months for heart ultrasounds and well checks with her cardiologist. Also, she continues to watch her sodium intake carefully.

Lyndsey suffered a rare type of heart failure called peripartum cardiomyopathy, which occurs during pregnancy or immediately after delivery. Toward the end of Lyndsey's pregnancy, her heart was enlarging, and it couldn't keep up. All the fluid that her heart couldn't pump began to get backed up in her lungs, and she was drowning in her own body fluid.

"As college students we tend to think ourselves invincible,

and that this [heart disease] can't happen to me, but heart disease doesn't care about your age, race, or gender. And it's really important to watch what you eat and get your physicals each year," Lyndsey says.

Lyndsey has become very active with the American Heart Association, participating in their events and volunteering when she can. Along with being a wife and mother, she also is a full-time senior Communications major and managing editor of *The Pacer*.

For more information on heart disease awareness, visit the American Heart Association website at www.heart.org.

Arts & Entertainment

Annual Greek Fest underway at UTM

Amber Sherman
Staff Writer

Greek Fest, an annual greek event on the UTM campus, begins this week.

"Greek Fest is a week where all 22 greek organizations from across the three councils (IFC, NPC and NPHC) come together to compete in events throughout the week, with the overall goal of raising money for different philanthropies within the community," said Jared Anderson, Greek Life coordinator.

"In 2014, the UTM greek community raised over \$20,000 that was donated to philanthropies after Greek Fest week. Hopefully this year we will surpass last year's total and be able to make an even bigger impact on the community around us," Anderson said.

The week kicks off today, Feb. 10, with Service Night, a Greek-only event. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse, where the group

who raised the most money for their philanthropy in the past weeks will be announced. The groups consist of one Panhellenic and one Pan Hellenic Greek organization.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the "Greek Olympics" will be held in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse at 7pm. Each group will participate in several fun events, such as obstacle courses and jousting. Admission for the event is \$3 at the door.

Next, on Thursday, Feb. 12, is Line Dance. This event is \$5 at the door and all Panhellenic groups participate in it. Each group performs a routine with their own themes they have created, which is done in a line. This event is held in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse at 7pm.

Finally, on Friday, Feb. 13, is the most anticipated event, the Step Show. Tickets are \$8 in advance and can be purchased at the University Center Information Desk and are \$10 at the door. This event will be held in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse at 7 pm.



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Matrix creators offer Ascending

Jeremy Smith
A&E Editor

This weekend, Australian production company Village Roadshow Pictures, in co-production with Warner Bros. Studios released *Jupiter Ascending*, starring Mila Kunis and Channing Tatum in the lead roles.

The story follows Jupiter Jones, a Chicagoan with European ancestry who despises her job in the family-owned Russian janitorial business. Jupiter lacks true aspirations except for the material things. Jupiter's world changes when she discovers that her genetic structure is that of Alien royalty, from the Abrasax family. The current heir to the estate (Earth) is Balem Abrasax the eldest of the family's heirs.

With the protection of an

intergalactic bounty hunter Caine played by Channing Tatum, Jupiter must survive to claim the rights to earth and to insure earth and all its inhabitants don't get harvested as part of profitable galactic industry.

Audiences will appreciate the visual presentation of the film. The character design, weaponry, vehicles and galactic landscape are all beautifully done. Though visually *Jupiter Ascending* passes, structurally it contains quite a few lapses narratively. For those audiences who are not ready to take the time to understand the concepts of genetics, space, reincarnation and economics all rolled into one, this may not be the space opera for you.

Jupiter Ascending is worth the trip to the movies with a few friends. Especially if you're

seeking imagination and new worldly concepts, you might enjoy exploring the universe of *Jupiter Ascending*.

If you're wondering how the opening weekend went to help with your decision, *Jupiter Ascending* opened with a weekend take of around \$18-\$19 million. This result is quite less than what the studio and critics projected and drastically short of its estimated \$175 million budget.

No new news of anything motion picture-oriented for Mila Kunis in coming months, but fans can expect to see her undertake an executive producer role for the CW Network's *Meridian Hills*. Up next for her co-star Channing Tatum is the sequel to 2012's *Magic Mike*, *Magic Mike XXL* is releasing in theaters this summer.

New artist wins big at 57th Grammys

Barriana Woods
Assistant A&E Editor

The 57th Grammy Awards show took place Sunday at the Staples Center, in Los Angeles. The show was broadcast live by CBS with the red carpet beginning at 6 p.m. ET and the main event following at 8 p.m.

Rapper LL Cool J hosted the show for the fourth consecutive year.

Performances included Rihanna, Kanye West and Sir Paul McCartney who presented the live debut of their new song, "FourFiveSeconds", Katy Perry, Madonna, Beyoncé performed the gospel song "Take My Hand Precious Lord" and Common and John Legend took the stage together to perform their Oscar nominated song "Glory."

The star of the night was definitely new artist Sam Smith. He was nominated for six Grammys, along with Beyoncé and Pharrell.

Smith took home four top awards for his song "Stay with me" - Best New Artist, Song of the Year, Record of the Year, and

Best Pop Vocal album for "In the Lonely Hour."

He thanked an ex who inspired the song, saying, "Thank you for breaking my heart, it got me four Grammys."

The 3½ hour show was full of surprises and "OMG" moments.

Rapper Kanye West seemed to have a problem with Beck winning Album of the Year against Beyoncé. Kanye jumped on stage and pretended to go against his win, as he did with Taylor Swift in 2009.

Although he didn't say anything during the show, E! caught up with Kanye after the show, where he said, "Beck needs to respect artistry, he should have given his award to Beyoncé."

President Obama addressed the audience and viewers, via video, to pitch the White House program "It's on us" to stop domestic violence, rape and sexual assault.

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Sports Information

The last time UTM started conference play with a 10-0 record, they fell to SIUE at Edwardsville 65-62. The Skyhawks made sure history didn't repeat itself this year as they defeated the Cougars 69-68 in a tight, hard-fought battle. SIUE came into the matchup with the second best record in the Ohio Valley Conference standings behind the Skyhawks.

Statistically, the Cougars were even with the Skyhawks on offense and defense. The Skyhawks had a 10-point lead at halftime, but saw that vanish as the Cougars made another charge late in the second half. Despite trimming the lead to a one-possession game, SIUE could not wrestle the lead away from the Skyhawks. The Skyhawks escaped their matchup against the SIUE Cougars with the 69-68 win. "I thought our kids played

a really good first half, and I thought the second half was solid until the last four or five minutes," said UTM head coach Kevin McMillan. "We relaxed mentally and gave up some three's defensively, missed free throws, turned the ball over and basically we didn't do anything right in the last two and a half minutes of the game and found a way to win." The Skyhawks had four players with double-digit points: Ashia Jones (16),

Tiara Caldwell (11), Jessy Ward (11) and Chelsea Roberts (10). Defensively, SIUE was one of only two teams in the OVC who has held Jones to under 20 points. They also held UTM to 45 percent shooting and 33 percent from 3-point range. SIUE also won the rebound battle 44-31. The Cougars shot 44 percent and 32 percent from 3-point range. Shrona Butts led the Cougars with 18 points.

With the win, the Skyhawks remain perfect in conference play at 11-0, the best start in school history. The women will have a chance to extend their winning streak to 12 when they travel to Cape Girardeau to take on Southeast Missouri. In their previous meeting, the Skyhawks defeated SEMO 96-55. Tipoff between the Skyhawks and the Redhawks is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Men's Basketball

8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 – at Southeast Missouri State
6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 – Austin Peay
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 – at Eastern Illinois
7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 – at SIU Edwardsville

Women's Basketball

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 – at Southeast Missouri State
4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 – Austin Peay
4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 – at SIU Edwardsville

Softball

Mississippi State February Freezer- Starkville, Mississippi
12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 – Lamar
3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 – Illinois
9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 – Louisiana Tech
11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 – at Mississippi State

Ole Miss Red & Blue Classic – Oxford, Mississippi
3:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 – Southern Illinois
6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 – at Ole Miss
11:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 – Middle Tennessee
6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 – Omaha
11:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 – Middle Tennessee

Baseball

Jackson State Tournament – Jackson, Mississippi
6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 – Texas-Pan American
Noon Saturday, Feb. 14 – Texas-Pan American
3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 – at Jackson State
1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 – at Jackson State

3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 – Western Michigan
Noon Saturday, Feb. 21 – Western Michigan
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 – Western Michigan
Noon Sunday, Feb. 22 – Western Michigan
4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 – at Vanderbilt

Golf

Frito Lay/All-State Intercollegiate – Philadelphia, Mississippi
Sunday, Feb. 22

Rifle

NCAA Qualifier – at Murray, Kentucky
Saturday, Feb. 21

Women's Tennis

Troy Invite – Troy, Alabama
1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20
10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21
1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22

Sports

Skyhawks rally back to defeat SIUE 64-59

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Skyhawk guard Marshun Newell helped mount a UTM comeback late in the second half that lifted the Skyhawks to a 64-59 win over the SIUE Cougars.

Newell, coming off a double-double performance Thursday night against Austin Peay (23 points and 17 rebounds), came through with another double-double performance, scoring 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The first half was mostly back and forth with SIUE taking a two point halftime advantage, 30-28.

In the second half, SIUE built a slim lead that continued for a majority of the half. It wasn't until the 5:35 mark of the second period when UTM put together a small run and took the lead. SIUE could not find a rally in them to retake the lead, giving the Skyhawks the 64-59 win.

"I thought [SIUE] had a great game plan, they had a week off to prepare for us," said UTM head coach Heath Schroyer.

"We were really lethargic in the first half, they kind of had us on our heels, we had foul troubles, but this team has a lot of resolve, a lot of grit and we found a way to win the game."

Along with Newell's contributions, Anderson helped the Skyhawks on offense, scoring 15 points. Richard Lee saw some good minutes coming off the Skyhawk bench and tallied 12 points.

SIUE was led by Kris Davis, who had 18 points, and Rozell Nunn, who had 12 points.

UTM's defense was able to hold SIUE to only 35 percent shooting and 36 percent from 3-point range. The Skyhawks shot 45 percent in the game, 50 percent from three and outperformed SIUE in the paint, scoring 30 points compared to SIUE's 18 points.

The Skyhawks improve to 15-8 overall and 7-3 in OVC play. UTM's next game is Thursday night when they travel to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to take on Southeast Missouri State. Tipoff between the Skyhawks and the Redhawks is scheduled for 8 p.m.



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West						Men's Basketball Standings						East	
School			OVC	Overall		School			OVC	Overall			
Murray State			11-0	21-4		Morehead State			7-4	12-14			
UTM			7-3	15-8		Belmont			7-4	15-9			
Eastern Illinois			7-4	14-10		Eastern Kentucky			6-4	14-9			
Southeast Missouri			5-6	11-13		Tennessee Tech			3-8	11-13			
SIUE			5-6	9-13		Tennessee State			2-8	5-20			
Austin Peay			2-8	7-17		Jacksonville State			2-8	9-17			

UTM announces 25 new players on National Signing Day

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UTM head coach Jason Simpson announced the new signees to the UTM football

team during a press conference on Wednesday.

Simpson's class consists of 14 offensive players and 11 defensive players. Of the total 25 new commits, 12 of them are from Tennessee, five are

from Florida, four are from Mississippi and one each are from Texas, South Carolina, Kansas and Alabama.

Six of the 25 commits have already committed to the Skyhawks, signing with UTM

at the Mid-Year Signing Day in December.

Entering his 10th season as head coach of the Skyhawks, Simpson was confident in his class this year.

"It's more rewarding than it is

a relief because you got 25 guys coming to your program that chose us," Simpson said. "We chose them and they chose us, and that's a neat feeling. That is a very rewarding feeling."

Olandrious Booker* – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-5, 350, Junior• Hometown: Lambert, Mississippi• Previous School: Hinds Community College	Isaac Chapman – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-4, 305, Freshman• Hometown: Oak Ridge, Tennessee• Previous School: Oak Ridge HS	Brandon Anderson – DB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-10, 180, Freshman• Hometown: Frisco, Texas• Previous School: Centennial HS	Kyle Akin – QB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-2, 200, Freshman• Hometown: Jackson, Tennessee• Previous School: Trinity Christian Academy
Jamie Bowe* – RB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-11, 195, Freshman• Hometown: Spartanburg, South Carolina• Previous School: Fork Union Military Academy	Colton Sander – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-6, 320, Freshman• Hometown: Oviedo, Florida• Previous School: Oviedo HS	Donald Cofield Jr. – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-3, 300, Freshman• Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee• Previous School: Whitehaven HS	Christopher Turner Jr. – TE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-5, 250, Freshman• Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee• Previous School: KIPP Collegiate School
Partish Huddleston* – DL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-0, 290, Senior• Hometown: Dorsey, Mississippi• Previous School: University of Alabama at Birmingham	Wilfred Taylor – WR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-8, 160, Freshman• Hometown: Daytona Beach, Florida• Previous School: Mainland HS	Kevin Prather Jr. – LB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-1, 200, Freshman• Hometown: Murfreesboro, Tennessee• Previous School: Oakland HS	Anthony Pearson – DB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-0, 175, Freshman• Hometown: Vero Beach, Florida• Previous School: Vero Beach HS
Dan Jensen* – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-4, 305, Junior• Hometown: Wamego, Kansas• Previous School: Butler Community College	Joey Cave – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-5, 275, Freshman• Hometown: Knoxville, Tennessee• Previous School: Hardin Valley Academy	Malik Harris – LB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-2, 215, Freshman• Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee• Previous School: Maplewood HS	Rakeem Battle – DB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-10, 170, Sophomore• Hometown: Lake City, Florida• Previous School: Southwest Mississippi Community College
Chance Key* – TE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-5, 225, Freshman• Hometown: Brilliant, Alabama• Previous School: Brilliant HS	Jaylon Moore – WR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-2, 180, Freshman• Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee• Previous School: Mitchell HS	Lonnie Underwood – RB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-10, 195, Freshman• Hometown: Lake City, Florida• Previous School: Columbia HS	Preston Baker – RB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-10, 215, Junior• Hometown: Starkville, Mississippi• Previous School: East Mississippi Community College
Tyrone Patterson* – OL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-2, 315, Junior• Hometown: Gautier, Mississippi• Previous School: Jones County Junior College	Austin Newsom – DL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-5, 325, Freshman• Hometown: Charlotte, Tennessee• Previous School: Creek Wood HS	Koreyon Jordan – LB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-2, 225, Freshman• Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee• Previous School: Pearl-Cohn HS	
	Terry Fultz – DL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-6, 250, Freshman• Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee• Previous School: Ridgeway HS	Julian Crutchfield – DL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-5, 265, Freshman• Hometown: Lebanon, Tennessee• Previous School: Lebanon HS	

Early signees are marked with an *
HS means high school